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Hello,

I'd like to make a quick comment about the government settlement with Microsoft in the Antitrust Case. I think it's a shame that a company like Microsoft can continually illegally practice such deplorable business as they do. To abuse the power of a monopoly, as they surely have, is counter to good of our society. We need fresh competition that can develop a good product over time without getting cut out of the market by a company who can afford to take a multi-year loss or coerce potential supporting technology companies into flying only the microsoft standard. It's bad business for the US and for the world, because we have no choice but to keep paying microsoft for their continually degrading software, while they have no accountability and no competition to keep them honest. A quick check of the lack of security of the internet through microsoft software has cost companies and individuals billions of dollars in the last few years alone, and is a frightening harbinger of worse things yet to come. Something must be done about it. The settlement with Microsoft is not strict enough. Please do something to help the American public and the world escape the shadow of the monopoly that is Microsoft. Free the intelligent, enterprising individuals that make up our society to compete fairly and openly.

Thank you.

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